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BEGIN SUMMARY. ONLY ROMANIANS CALLED ON DANES IN COPENHAGEN FOR DEBRIEFING ON FADEYEV INITIATIVE ON EC/COMECON RELATIONS. FURTHER APPROACHES WERE MADE BY YUGOSLAVS, POLES AND ROMANIANS IN TOKYO WITH DANISH FONECONMIN NORGAARD DURING GATT MEETING. ROMANIANS ALSO RAISED QUESTION IN BUCHAREST AND EAST GERMANS DISCUSSED FADEYEV INITIATIVE WITH DANES AT LEIPZIG FAIR. MOST NEGATIVE WERE EAST GERMANS, BUT ALL AGREED THAT FADEYEV WAS WITHIN MANDATE GIVEN HIM AT PRAGUE IN MAKING APPROACH AND THAT HE DID IT CORRECTLY. ROMANIANS, IN PARTICULAR, EMPHASIZED CONTINUING HIGHEST PRIORITY THEY GIVE TO BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH EC. DANES DELIVERED EC RESPONSE TO FADEYEV IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 26. END SUMMARY.

1. BOTH THE ECONOMIC (NORGAARD) AND POLITICAL (K.B. ANDERSEN) SIDES OF FONOFF TOLD US THAT ONLY EAST EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR TO CALL ON FONOFF FOR DEBRIEFING AFTER FADEYEV'S VISIT WAS ROMANIAN, WHO CALLED ON FONECONMIN NORGAARD ABOUT TEN DAYS AFTER FADEYEV'S VISIT. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR BY IMPLICATION (BUT NOT DIRECTLY) INDICATED HE WAS CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER EAST EUROPEANS (OR, AT LEAST, ON BEHALF OF SOME OF THEM). HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE FADEYEV VISIT WITH HIS EAST EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES AND HAD ALSO OBTAINED A DEBRIEFING FROM THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN COPENHAGEN.

2. NORGAARD GAVE HIM ACCOUNT OF FADEYEV MEETING. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR AID THAT ON BASIS THIS ACCOUNT, AND ONE HE HAD RECEIVED FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR, HE WAS SATISFIED THAT FADEYEV HAD NOT GONE BEYOND MANDATE GIVEN HIM FOR ESTABLISHING INITIAL CONTACT WITH EC. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT ROMANIA CONTINUES TO GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO MAINTENANCE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBER COUNTRIES. HE ALSO DID NOT FAIL TO MENTION GENERAL ROMANIAN RETICENCE TOWARD COMECON INFLUENCE IN EAST EUROPE. ON THIS POINT, NORGAARD RECALLED THAT FADEYEV HAD STATED TO HIM THAT COMECON/EC CONTACTS SHOULD NOT AFFECT EXISTING BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. WHILE THERE WERE NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH EAST EUROPEANS IN COPENHAGEN, YUGOSLAV DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE AND THE POLISH AND ROMANIAN DEPUTY MINISTERS OF FOREIGN TRADE CALLED SEPARATELY ON FONECONMIN NORGAARD IN TOKYO DURING RECENT GATT MEETING. CONFIDENTIAL

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ALL WERE INTERESTED IN ACCOUNT OF FADEYEV-NORGAARD MEETING AND, ACCORDING TO DANISH FONOFF SOURCES, OFFERED NO PARTICULAR COMMENTARY ON MEETING AND ITS RESULTS. IN ALL CASES, NORGAARD EMPHASIZED THE PRELIMINARY NATURE OF THE CONTACT AND THE FACT THAT RESPONSE IS A COLLECTIVE EC RESPONSIBILITY.

3. FONOFF ALSO TOLD US OF APPROACH IN BUCHAREST BY ROMANIAN DEPUTY FONMIN GLIGA TO DANISH AMBASSADOR IN WHICH CONVERSATION WAS MUCH

ALONG LINES OF THAT BETWEEN BELGIANS AND GLIGA REPORTED IN REF B (PARA 5). GLIGA TOLD DANISH AMBASSADOR THAT HIS FONMIN HAD NOT OPPOSED COMECON INITIATIVE DURING PRAGUE MEETING AND HAD NO OBJECTION TO "EXPLORATIONS" WITH EC BY SOVIETS WITH THE RESERVATION THAT THE EXPLORATION NOT AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE EC. GLIGA SAID THAT LACK OF COMPARABILITY BETWEEN COMECON AND EC MADE IT UNLIKELY THAT CLOSER RELATIONS COULD DEVELOP IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND THAT THIS PERSUADED ROMANIANS NOT TO OPPOSE THE MOVE. HOWEVER, GLIGA ALSO NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED AT PRAGUE MEETING TO EXPLORE WAYS OF CHANGING ORGANIZATION OF COMECON TO MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE TO NEED FOR RELATIONS WITH EC.

4. DANES ALSO HAD SEVERAL REPORTS OF EAST GERMAN REACTION TO FADEYEV INITIATIVE WHICH ARE OF INTEREST. DANISH CHARGE IN EAST BERLIN HAD RECENT TALK WITH MEMBER OF SOVIET MISSION (BILETSKY--PHONETIC) WHO SAID THAT, WHILE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED IN PRAGUE ON APPROACH TO EC, IT WAS NO SECRET THAT THERE HAD BEEN OPPOSITION TO THE WHOLE IDEA AND THAT THE GDR WAS ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL. IN ANOTHER CONTACT BETWEEN A GDR OFFICIAL AND DANISH FONOFF DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY AGERUP AT LEIPZIG FAIR, GDR REP SAID EAST GERMANS HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO FADEYEV APPROACH BUT WOULD RESERVE THEIR RIGHT TO COMMENT ON DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR--IN OTHER WORDS, A CAUTIOUS WATCH-AND-SEE ATTITUDE.

5. DANISH FONOFF TOLD US THAT DANISH AMB IN MOSCOW HANDED EC RESPONSE TO FADEYEV IN MOSCOW ON SEPTEMBER 26. SUBSTANCE OF RESPONSE WAS THAT EC IS NOW CONSIDERING FADEYEV PROPOSAL AND WOULD, IN MEANWHILE, BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS OR SUGGESTIONS WHICH FADEYEV MIGHT WISH TO OFFER.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT. PUTTING ALL THESE REPORTS TOGETHER, IT IS APPARENT THAT DANES HAVE RECEIVED NO INDICATION OF DISSATISFACTION
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AMONG NON-SOVIET COMECON MEMBERS WITH FADEYEV APPROACH. THEY MAY NOT LIKE IDEA OF BLOC-TO-BLOC NEGOTIATIONS AND IMPLICATIONS WHICH THIS MAY HAVE FOR THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH EC OR THEIR POWER POSITION VIS-A-VIS SOVIETS, BUT THEY SEEM CONTENT THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT COMECON/EC CONTACTS ARE SO FAR DOWN THE ROAD THAT THEY NEED NOT HAVE EXCESSIVE CONCERN NOW ABOUT ANY EVENTUAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THEM.
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